

Spokes Around The Hub

Catches Alligator—Joe Howe, a farmer living near Aurelius, has a new kind of fish story. Recently he went fishing and wandered up and down the banks of Grand river near his farm home in the hope of catching a mess of bass. Suddenly he saw something. He rubbed his eyes to assure himself that he was awake. Then he asked himself if he had had a drink of moonshine and found that he had not. It was true. Joe saw a small alligator in the river, one about 30 inches in length. He managed to put a wire around its jaws, and ran to a nearby farm, procured a gun and shot it. He now has it mounted and can prove his story. Several people in that vicinity have claimed for some years that they have once in a while seen an alligator in the river. Now we'll be forced to believe them.

Commits Suicide—Leon Wright a former treasurer of Maple Rapids, in Clinton county, committed suicide in his barn by cutting his throat with a razor. Ill health is said to be the cause.

Drowned—Miss Ora Allinson was drowned in the Salt river near North Bradley, where she lived, while bathing with a party of friends. She was 19 years of age.

Stove Causes Fire—A kerosene stove was responsible for a fire in the James Suttiff apartments in the Sjolander block in Midland. Mrs. Suttiff noticed the flames from the stove on going into the kitchen, at a time when the kitchen was nearly all ablaze. It is thought that the stove exploded. Her cries quickly brought help and the blaze was extinguished with a loss of about \$1,200.

Former Ithaca Resident Dead—O. P. Stone, a former resident of Ithaca, and of late years living in California, died in the western state last week according to word received here.

Finds Baby—Herbert Ashley of Lyons went to his front porch to investigate a noise that he heard there, and discovered that some one had left a baby on his porch in a traveling bag. The baby was about six weeks of age. Officials are endeavoring to locate the parents.

Private School—The Adventists of Belding have opened a private school in the community.

Bomb Explodes—A bomb was exploded in the yards of the Ann Arbor railroad yards at Owosso one day last week, which officials believe was thrown in from the outside. It just missed a train, which had just passed the spot when the bomb hit. It was a crude bomb contained in a paper sack, it is said.

Refused Citizenship—Five aliens were refused citizenship by Judge Collins at Owosso on the ground that they had claimed exemption from war service because they were aliens.

SUMNER

Mr. David Kirker of Grand Rapids is visiting relatives in this vicinity. Henry Kirker and son, Will, entertained relatives from Ithaca, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Taylor and son, Vernon, and the latter's brother, Floyd Young of Big Rapids were entertained at the Ellis J. Ayers home over Labor Day.

Loran Kirker of North Dakota is visiting his parents and other relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Price entertained relatives from Grand Rapids over the week end.

Gilbert Spencer of Grand Rapids is visiting the home folks.

Miss Rose Spencer is attending school in Ithaca.

Several from here attended the funeral of Mr. Butler at Ithaca, Tuesday afternoon.

William Phillips and Ralph Holcomb were business callers at Elwell, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Pease were guests of relatives near St. Louis, Wednesday.

Hazel Fisher and family of Crystal visited his brother, Harry and wife Thursday.

Mrs. Cora Skinner and son of Illinois are visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Nancy Lang.

Clifford Gee has moved his family back to Perrinton where he is one of the instructors in the school there for another year.

Mr. Stone and Art Smith were in Saginaw, Monday.

Ralph Jenks and Mrs. Maud Thomas of Ionia visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vance Woodard, Sunday.

Mrs. H. Church entertained her daughter and family of near Elwell Sunday.

Helen Lavoy of Elm Hall spent Saturday visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben McCullough of Alma called on Mrs. Rose DuVall, Monday afternoon.

Adel Cleverdon returned to his work at Big Rapids, Sunday, his mother and brother accompanied him, returning Monday.

Mrs. L. C. Woodard attended the picnic at Elm Hall, Labor Day.

Art Forquer went to the south part of the State, Monday returning Tuesday with a load of peaches.

Henry Hawkins of Buckley is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. E. H. Wolf of Alma spent Wednesday at the home of her sister, Mrs. Vance Woodard.

Mr. R. M. Forquer attended the fair at Mt. Pleasant last week.

Dr. Holland of Belding called on Bert Clow, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Forquer entertained relatives from Mt. Pleasant over the week end, also a brother and wife from Los Angeles, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fowler of Alma called on friends here Friday evening.

F. J. Tucker of Alma was a Friday caller here.

Mr. and Mrs. Loran Race of South Lyons called on friends here Wednesday.

Mrs. Chas. Booth of North Star visited her parents here last week.

Mr. Hulfurt of Stanton was a business caller here Friday.

Ruby Forquer is attending school at Ithaca.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hicks of Elm Hall spent Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Tucker.

Mrs. Chas. Black is ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ben Pugsley.

The "Hicks" Reunion was held at the home of Mrs. Elmer McClellan at Crystal, Labor Day. The guests from away were Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hicks and daughter and husband from Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hicks and children, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Stafford, Mr. and Mrs. Adney Vanorman of Alma, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hicks of Stanton, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hicks and children of Reed City, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bennet and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Duffin of Crystal, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hicks of Elm Hall, Mrs. I. F. Tucker of Sumner and Mrs. M. J. Worden of Shelby. Mrs. Worden was guest of honor being the oldest of the James Hicks family, age 80 years.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

The County convention of the Democratic party of Gratiot county will be held at Brown's opera house in Ithaca, Michigan, on Saturday, September 23 at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing ten delegates to the Democratic state convention which will be held in Bay City on September 28th, and for the transaction of such other business as may legally come before it. Each township and ward is entitled to two delegates who must be elected at the primary election on Tuesday, September 12th, 1922. A full delegation is earnestly requested.

DeWitt Vought, County Chairman.

Rodolph Valentino at the Strand Sunday and Monday—advertisement.

In London a general motor bus company operates 3,000 vehicles.

FOREST HILL

School commenced last week with Hugh Medler, principal, and Miss Constance Clark of North Star, teacher of the lower grades.

I. A. Kilpatrick was in Beaverton on business Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Failing visited friends at Shepherd Sunday.

Cage Wood spent Saturday with relatives at Alma.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wright of Maple Rapids were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Mills over the week end.

Mrs. Harry Stiles is visiting with friends at Shelby.

Miss Mary Towersey of Alma called on her parents Saturday.

Messdams Byers and Bradt of Alma called on B. Hamilton Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Beach and Miss Kathleen Cummings of Vestaburg and Victor Harris of St. Louis called on Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Owen Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Holten entertained company from Breckbridge Sunday.

WEST PINE RIVER

School began in the Wright Dist. Sept. 5 with Grace Packard as teacher.

Carl Johnson left here for St. Ignace where he will teach the coming year.

Leslie Hoyt lost one of his horses last Saturday.

Miss Anna Lentz of Detroit spent the week end with her parents here.

Miss Doris Bartley has a new Ford coupe.

Vern Lashaw is attending the Alma high school.

C. F. Johnson and wife attended the fair at Mt. Pleasant last Friday.

Robert Fleming and family visited his sister and family in Carson City last week.

C. F. Johnson lost a valuable cow last week.

P. M. Kyes and family attended the fair at Mt. Pleasant last week.

Miss Clara Johnson has returned to Flint where she will teach the coming year.

ELWELL

Mr. and Mrs. Will Hammond were callers at Jason Church's Friday evening.

Mrs. Allie Mallory is caring for her sister, Mrs. R. Fairchild, who has been sick.

Mrs. Nettie Slingluff and daughter, Doris, were in Detroit on business.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Cagala and family were Crystal lake callers Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Densmore were Alma callers Wednesday evening.

Hugh Wyeth and family visited at the home of Hal Northrop Wednesday evening.

Mrs. George Bailey visited Mrs. Mattie Lindstrom and her son, S. J. Bailey, a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Strack, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Strack, Jr., and families have returned from Sadorus, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anderson have returned from Champaign, Ill. Ralph Fairchild was an Alma business caller Saturday.

Doris Gentry is visiting friends at Summerton last week.

Silo filling has started in this vicinity.

Lorena Vibber was a caller in Edmore Saturday evening.

The dance at Elwell was well attended Wednesday evening.

Archie Fairchild was in St. Louis on business Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bissell visited relatives at Ionia one day last week.

Miss Goldie Havens visited Rob Havens and family and her father Alonzo Havens, a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Crowell visited at A. J. Vibber's Friday evening.

Cris Downs was an Alma caller on Saturday.

Andy Lindstrom and Mr. and Mrs. Waite and son, Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wrench and family took Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. August Lindstrom.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. McJinsey spent the week end with Fred Wilson and family.

CITY COMMISSION

Alma, Michigan, Sept. 12, 1922

Regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Alma, Michigan, in session at the Council Chambers on above date.

Meeting called to order at 8:00 o'clock P. M. by Mayor Chas. R. Murphy.

Present—Commissioners Glass, Archer and Creaser.

Absent—Commissioner Chick.

There being a quorum present the Commission was declared to be in session.

The minutes of the last preceding meeting were read and approved.

Reading of bills and claims:

Western Union Telegraph Co. \$ 7.05
Thompson's Garage 2.00
J. P. Losey 1.00
J. Naylor85
A. C. McClurg & Co. 62.07
Michigan Hardware Co. 2.52
Michigan Sugar Co. 3.00
Gratiot Co. Oil Co. 16.80
Fire & Water Engineering Inc. 4.00
Arthur Dietz 2.40
Chicago Sanitary Rag Co. 18.43
The Geo. F. Cram Co. 5.95
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J. Graves	15.75
F. King	15.00
D. Howe	23.00
J. Howe	20.00
O. Mack	22.50
J. Zimmerman	22.50
R. Schieb	24.00
S. Newcomer	22.50
J. Lutz	18.00

Moved by Commissioner Glass and supported by Commissioner Creaser that the above bills as read be allowed and the clerk be instructed to issue orders for same covering vouchers Nos. 1434 to 1450.

Ayes—Commissioners Glass, Creaser and Archer. Nays—none.

Moved by Commissioner Glass and supported by Commissioner Creaser that the commission adjourn. The motion prevails.

CHAS. R. MURPHY, Mayor.
CLARENCE F. BLANCK, Clerk.

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